

ABSTRACT

A decorative aquatic pond as found in residential gardens or the like having: an impervious liner defining a pond and confining a quantity of water within the pond, a filtration system comprising: a secondary pool separated from the pond by a pervious wall, a skimmer basin located within the secondary pool adjacent the pervious wall and adapted to receive surface water into the basin from the pond, a catch net disposed within the skimmer basin, a cover affixed over a major portion of the catch basin, a bottom drain disposed along the bottom of the pool distal the pond, a quantity of filter rock filling the pond externally of the basin and overlying the cover and the perforated conduit, and a submersible pump housed within the basin and pumping water from the basin and the perforated conduit to a return path to the pond. Aquatic plants are rooted in the filter rock to aid in processing the water drawn through the rocks into the pump.